

## Rabbi's Column

### Register To Vote for a Pluralistic Israel

Before sitting down to write this column, I tuned the radio to NPR. The first story that caught my ear was the news that Israeli police have recommended that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu be indicted on charges of fraud and breach of public trust. While the prime minister has not yet been indicted and must be considered innocent until proven guilty, the charges could not have come at a worse time. The Israeli-Palestinian peace talks have broken down over Mr. Netanyahu's decision to build more Jewish housing in East Jerusalem. Within the Jewish religious world, a bill that would deny recognition as a Jew to those undergoing conversion under the supervision of non-Orthodox rabbis has passed an initial vote in the Knesset. The final passage of this bill would circumvent the Israeli Supreme Court's ruling that non-Orthodox converts are to be registered as Jews in Israel, striking a further blow to the struggling Reform and Conservative movements in Israel.

Such news is disheartening to those of us who care about Israel. We hope for a time when it will be nation at peace and secure, a homeland where all Jews, men and women, Reform, Conservative and Orthodox are equal, but distance and a perceived lack of influence can make us feel frustrated and unable to effect meaningful change in Israel.

Very soon, however, we Reform Jews will be given a rare opportunity to influence decisions regarding religious pluralism, policies affecting the status of "who is a Jew," and whether or not contributions to Israel will fund Reform institutions there. In order to take advantage of this opportunity you must



Rabbi Martha  
Bergadine

### CSZ Celebrates Yom Ha'atzmaut

The state of Israel turns 49 this month! Sha'ar Zahav will commemorate Israeli Independence day on Saturday, May 10 at 7:30 pm with a program that addresses the struggles facing Israel today and celebrates Israeli culture. We will have the honor of hearing Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch, executive director of the Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA), speak on "The Challenges of Assuring Religious Freedom for Jews in Israel." Rabbi Hirsch is a renowned leader in both the Zionist and Reform movements. He is a strong supporter of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual rights. In 1993, he was instrumental in providing an alternative salute to Israel in New York City when New York's synagogue with special outreach to Gays and Lesbians was prohibited from participating in the scheduled Salute to Israel celebration. We will have a chance not only to hear Rabbi Hirsch speak, but also to have a dialogue with him about his work. Following this interaction, we will join in a festive evening of Israeli folk dancing. So put on your dancing shoes and come celebrate Israel's birthday!

### Mishkan Dolores Raffles Luxury Car and Dream Trips

Starting May 1, raffle tickets will be sold to help raise funds for the Mishkan Dolores Campaign. The grand prize is a classic Mercedes in pristine condition. First prize is round-trip airfare for two to Israel. Second prize is round-trip airfare for two to Europe. Third prize is a pair of cufflinks from Sidney Mobell Jewelers at Shreve.

Tickets are \$20 each, 6 for \$100. The drawing will be held at a campaign closing party on July 19.

Each member will be mailed a book of six raffle tickets in May. Keep the tickets and mail back the stubs with a check. It's that simple. If you wish to purchase additional tickets, please call the office. Tickets will also be available at the Gift Shop.

Many people, when making their pledges, offered to volunteer. Here's the perfect opportunity: we're selling tickets on Castro Street in June and at the Pride Celebration, June 28 and 29. It will be a fun way to help raise money. To volunteer, call Jeff Forman (648-0381).



Purim party. Photo by Michael Bettinger.

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## April Va'ad Minutes

A motion to accept the 1997-98 budget was unanimously approved.

The Dues Committee reported that three new dues-paying units applied for membership. These were unanimously approved. Two CSZ members have died since the last Va'ad meeting.

Renée Bauer reported that the Purim 5757 party was a grand success. Plans for Sukkot in April have attracted more than 60 volunteers, thanks in great measure to the efforts of Kenny Altman.

Ron Lezell reported on the upcoming World Zionist Conference in Jerusalem. A September election for the 'Parliament of the Jewish People' will elect delegates from both the Diaspora and Israel. A motion to mail registration forms for this election to anyone who requests them as well as to all congregants was approved.

The Ma'ayan campaign was mandated to create an oral history program. A motion to constitute an ad hoc oral history committee was approved. The emphasis of the committee will be to facilitate videotaping and collection of interviews.

The Va'ad was updated on the status of financing, fundraising and plans for the new building. Ellie Cohen said that fundraising had reached \$953,000 by the date of the meeting.

Initial estimates for bringing the building up to code were too low. The higher cost of necessary core and shell repairs has required a re-analysis of how the 290 Dolores property can be remodeled to suit our needs. Some areas will be immediately refurbished and others will need to be used as they are until a later date.

David Stein asked about pursuing the purchase of the building given realistic building costs. The Va'ad indicated their willingness to move to the next step, which is to take up the issue with the congregation at a congregational meeting.

## Call for Videotapes

Do you have personal videotapes of Sha'ar Zahav events? Purim parties, Pride Parade contingents, life cycle ceremonies, etc? If you do, the Oral History Project would like to have copies for the CSZ archives. Please contact Rob Tat (861-2350).

## New Members' Potluck

New — and not so new — Sha'ar Zahav members are invited to a potluck on Sunday, May 18, 5-7 pm, to meet, shmooze, learn more about Sha'ar Zahav, and (of course) eat! President David Stein and his partner Alex Ingersoll will host the potluck in the community room of their home at 345 Church St.

The Membership Committee, which is sponsoring the potluck, as well as Va'ad members and members of other committees, will be there to get to know new members in David and Alex's relaxed, informal setting.

Bring a vegetarian or dairy dish or dessert — enough to share with about six other people. Kids, partners and friends are welcome. For more information and to RSVP, call Sara Haber (621-1248).

On Friday, May 16, we will also have a special welcome for new members during Shabbat services. See you there!

## Save the Date

Please save Saturday night, July 19, for the Mishkan Dolores Campaign Thank You Party and the raffle drawing. Place, details, etc. to be announced.

## Celebrate Rosh Chodesh Iyyar

Sha'ar Zahav women are invited to a short Rosh Chodesh ritual and planning meeting on Thursday, May 8 at 7 pm at CSZ. We will celebrate the new month of Iyyar and plan events for the next few months. We need everyone's ideas and energy! Please call Renée in the office to RSVP for the meeting or to let her know that you are interested in being part of this group.

## 'Their Own Vietnam' To Air on KQED

"Their Own Vietnam," an award-winning short documentary by CSZ member Nancy D. Kates about the experiences of American women who served in the Vietnam War, will be shown on KQED, Channel 9, on Sunday, May 25 at 9:30 pm and Monday, May 26 at 7:30 pm. The film documents the experiences of five women veterans, contrasting their personal stories with official Army depictions of the war. "Their Own Vietnam" includes an interview with Kay Milliken and Sue Storm, a lesbian couple who met in Vietnam and are still together. This groundbreaking interview is the first discussion of lesbian/gay issues in any documentary about the war.



Parade of the children, Purim party. Photo by Michael Bettinger.

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SAVE THE DATE

Annual  
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Meeting

Sunday, June 15 • 2 pm

## New Items Arrive at Gift Shop

The CSZ Gift Shop exists to serve both the religious and secular needs of the congregation. Its goal is to help members and their friends enrich important life cycle events as well as day-to-day expressions of their Jewish faith.

The Gift Shop has received a new shipment of ritual and Judaic items including tallitot, our first shofar, kiddush cups, jewelry and mezzuzot.

Other items are also available by special order, such as the Kiddushin Pillow and Mazel Tov Cameras.

The pillow set, embroidered with the names of the couple, contains a wineglass to be crushed at the appropriate moment in the ceremony. The pillow can then serve as a unique

keepsake of the day.

The cameras are designed for one-time use by guests at festive occasions such as Commitment/Wedding Ceremonies and Bat/Bar Mitzvahs. The cameras can capture candid shots of an event and serve as a great ice-breaker among guests, as reported by one CSZ family recently.

Remember, the Gift Shop is operated by volunteers. If you like fun and excitement and meeting new people, this may be the committee for you!

For further information on the merchandise or to volunteer, please come by and see us on Friday nights before services from 7:30 to 8:05 pm in the Oneg Room, or call Jeff Rubin (647-9201).

## So You Wanna Be in Pictures?

Attention all Steven Spielbergs and Barbara Walters: here's your chance to be a part of synagogue history! The CSZ Oral History Project wants to train you to record oral history interviews and synagogue events for our archives.

There are two opportunities available: learn how to conduct interviews with subjects on their personal oral history, or learn how to use a video camera to record interviews and capture other events. If you have a video camera, all the better, but no previous video experience is necessary. Here's your chance to learn from the professionals, have fun, and make a valuable contribution to Sha'ar Zahav.

Both training sessions will take place on Sunday, May 18, 5-7 pm at the synagogue. Rob Tat will be conducting the video training and Jeff Friedman the interviewer training.

After completing either of these training sessions, you will be part of our pool of interviewers and videographers who will videotape CSZ members' personal observations on synagogue history, the transition to Dolores Street, and other memorable CSZ events.

We need a minimum of five participants in order to conduct the classes. For more information, please call Rob (861-2350) or Jeff (863-7037).



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register to vote in elections for the World Zionist Organization Congress.

The World Zionist Organization Congress is the only international forum where American Jews can have direct influence on critical issues facing Israel. Generally held every five years, the Congress is an important arena in which the Israel/Diaspora relationship is discussed, policies are decided upon and implemented, and decisions are made as to how charitable donations are spent in Israel. For example, it is through the World Zionist Organization that the Reform movement in Israel receives a million dollars a year — roughly two-thirds of its entire budget.

The American Reform movement is represented in the World Zionist Organization through the Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA), the official advocate of the North American Reform Jewish community for all issues pertaining to Israel. The Reform movement's goal is the election of ARZA representatives to the World Zionist Organization Congress to fight for religiously free and pluralistic Judaism in Israel.

As a first step towards accomplishing this goal, we must register to vote. We at Sha'ar Zahav are joining with other Reform congregations across America in an attempt to register as many congregants as possible. Soon you will be receiving material from me and Ron Lezell, our ARZA Liaison, that provides you with all the information and forms necessary for you to register to vote.

Registering is easy. Any American Jew, who will be at least 18 years of age by June 30, and who is a citizen or permanent resident of the United States is eligible to vote. Registrants must also indicate that they are in agreement with the Jerusalem Program, the text of which follows:

The aims of Zionism are:

- The unity of the Jewish people and the centrality of Israel in Jewish life;
- The ingathering of the Jewish people in its historic homeland, Eretz Israel, through aliyah from all countries;
- The strengthening of the State of Israel which is based on the prophetic vision of justice and peace;
- The preservation of the identity of the Jewish people through the fostering of Jewish

ish, Hebrew and Zionist education and of Jewish spiritual and cultural values;

- The protection of Jewish rights everywhere.

Registrations must be postmarked by June 1. The actual ballots for the election will be mailed out in September. Lastly, a \$2 registration fee is required. That's it.

Additionally, on May 10, Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch, ARZA's Executive Director, will be speaking at CSZ's celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut — Israel Independence Day. Rabbi Hirsch can provide firsthand information about the struggles Reform Judaism faces in Israel, and the importance of registering to vote in the World Zionist Organization Congress elections.

Please take this opportunity to join with other Reform Jews across America to demonstrate our desire for a pluralistic Israel where the religious rights of all Jews, Liberal and Orthodox, men and woman, Jews by choice and Jews by birth, are recognized. May we all take to heart the words of Rabbi Tarfon: *Lo alecha hamlacha ligmor, v'lo atah ben chorin lehibateil mimena ...* You are not required to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it.

*Livracha,*

—Rabbi Martha Bergadine

## Condolences

We extend our condolences to members who have suffered recent losses:

**Sue Bojdak**, on the death of her friend, Leroy Davis

**Ellie Cohen**, on the death of her grandmother, Minnie Schlossberg

**Jeffrey Lilly**, on the death of his friend, Carlos Martinez

**Cheryl Mann**, on the death of her grandfather, Fred Mann

**The Nacamulli Family**, on the death of their uncle, Mario Levi

**Florence Nacamulli**, on the death of her aunt, Rivka Resnick

**Nancy Silverrod**, on the death of her uncle, Enoch Cherin

**Susan Simpson**, on the death of her friend, David Magennis

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## Nosh Some Hamentashen

And a merry Purim it was at CSZ this year, filled with food, fun, costumes and a fabulous production of "Megillah Madness." The a cappella singing group Jungle Red charmed us with a wonderful performance. The success of the party was a direct result of all the volunteer work that went into preparing for and running it. Thank you to all the people who staffed the booths the night of the party and a special thanks to the dedicated Purim planning committee.

## Jewish AIDS Memorial Day

Rabbi H. Raphael Goldstein and Norman L. Sandfield, co-chairs of the International Jewish AIDS Network, have announced a date for Jewish AIDS Memorial Day: Lev B'omer.

Lev B'omer is the 32nd day of the Omer, the 49 days between Passover and Shavuot, which has traditionally been a season of mourning for the Jewish people. The Hebrew letters for 32, *lamed* and *bet*, spell out the word *lev* which means "heart." A Jewish AIDS Memorial Day "touches directly the hearts and minds of all of us who have loved and lost people to AIDS and will, we hope, touch the hearts of the people who have tended to ignore this growing, unending epidemic," said Rabbi Goldstein in making this announcement. "Many people think that the epidemic does not and has not affected the Jewish community."

This year, Lev B'omer falls on Friday night, May 23 and Saturday, May 24. The co-chairs are urging all synagogues and religious institutions in the Jewish community to observe this day with special prayers of comfort and hope, and the opportunity to remember those whose lives have touched our own, each in their own unique way.

For more information, call Rabbi Goldstein, director of Los Angeles Jewish AIDS Services, (213/653-8313).

*Get involved!  
Volunteer for a committee*

## Lag B'Omer Celebration

It's a picnic! It's a celebration, complete with live musical entertainment! It's Sunday in the Park with Herzl! Sha'ar Zahavniks are invited to the community-wide celebration of Lag B'Omer and the 100th anniversary of Zionism on Sunday, May 25 from noon to 4 pm at Sharon Meadows in Golden Gate Park. Sharon Meadows is located in the southeast corner of the park near the tennis courts and the carousel.

The program will feature mizrachi-style singer Jimmy Gamliel and his band, Metzitzim MeHa'etza, a renowned performance ensemble direct from northern Israel, a Herzl look-alike contest, and a variety of activities and crafts for kids and adults of all ages. There will be food for sale, but participants are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch.

For more information, call Renée in the office or The Israel Center (278-0630).



*Purim party. Photo by Michael Bettinger.*

## Activities for Little Ones

Toddlers/Preschoolers and their families are invited to a Havdallah program on May 31 at 7:30 pm at CSZ. Call Renée at the office for more information or to help with the program.

## Thanks Mishkan Dolores Volunteer Solicitors

The mishkanmeter is on the rise. If you haven't seen it yet, the beautifully designed artwork by Rena Frantz and Michael Schwartz hangs proudly in the One Room showing almost \$1 million in pledges for our new building on 16th and Dolores!

We are over 70% of our \$1.3 million pledge goal. What a community we have ... hundreds of people stretching their dollars to make our communal dream a bit closer to reality. Congratulations to us all.

But to reach our goal, to bring in an additional \$300,000 in pledges, we still need to meet with many of you over the next few weeks. We are sure you are waiting for your friendly neighborhood Mishkan Dolores volunteer solicitor's call.

Not surprisingly, it's a lot of hard work for those doing this mitzvah of fundraising, reaching out to almost 400 households. Every volunteer solicitor participated in intensive training on the background of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, the four-year new building seeking effort and, of course, specific training on fundraising or how to ask other members for a lot of money even if you've never done it before. Sound a bit scary? Sometimes ... but it has also been an incredibly rewarding experience.

Thank you, volunteer solicitors, for making that extra effort to make our new home a reality.

John Atteridge	Nancy Levin
Geoff Benjamin	Ellen Lewin
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Elizabeth Landsberg	Ami Zusman

## Do you have e-mail?

If so we want your address! Drop us a line at shaarzahav@igc.apc.org

## Naches

To Shelley R. Adler and Nancy Showen, on the birth of their daughter Sarah Shoshana Adler.

To Tiela Chalmers, on her new job with Volunteer Legal Services.

To Randy Heilbrunn, on his new home.

To Howard Herman, on his new job as Alternative Dispute Resolution program counsel for the U.S. District Court.

To Nancy Kates, on her film "Their Own Vietnam" being aired on KQED on May 25 and 26.

To Robin Leonard, on her new home.

To Paul Margolis, on his new home.

To Greta Miskatel, on her recent certification as a Master Hypnotist through the Hypnotherapy Institute.

To Carolyn Pines and Judy Schwartz, on the naming of their daughter, Emma Sophie Madelaine Pines-Schwartz.

To Eric Temple, on his new home.



## Anniversaries

3	Karen Erlichman & Jana Rickerson
15	Lisa Feldstein & Max Drukman
15	Pekka Hall & Carrie Costello
16	Ann Bauman & Kelly Thiemann
22	Phyllis & George Mintzer
29	Mark Freeman & Ken White
31	Ilana Bernstein & Diane Desmond



Purim party. Photo by Michael Bettinger.

## Onegs

These generous people sponsored an Oneg Shabbat in recent months:

3/28	Judy Schwartz and Carolyn Pines, in honor of the finalization of Emma's adoption.
4/4	Gordon Osser, in celebration of his 70th birthday.
4/11	Lane Schickler and Steven Levine, in honor of their wedding.

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## Yizkor Elohim

Adam Harris  
Leslie Peller

## Members' Yahrzeits

9	Jack Jacobs
13	David Delroy
14	Thomas Yazman
17	Nanci Stern
19	Alan Altman
21	James Perkins

## New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained the following new members this month. A warm welcome to the latest people to join our family:

**Lucy Bernholz and Paula Fleisher**

**Neal Shorstein**

**Joanne Hirschmann**

We are grateful to see our congregation grow. It is up to all of us to help our new members feel welcome as they become active participants in our community.

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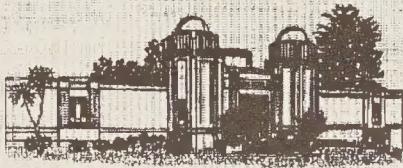
## Birthdays

1 Bruce Barishman  
 1 Michael Pierce  
 2 Rena Frantz  
 3 Julie Stahl  
 3 Marion Trentman  
 4 Eileen Dunn  
 4 Jeffrey Rubin  
 5 Colette Patt  
 6 Alison Scott  
 6 Henry Carrey  
 6 Aaron Buchbinder  
 6 Joan Becker  
 7 Dianne Hawk  
 8 Paul Nemrow  
 8 Shelley M. Samuels  
 9 Margarita Bekker  
 9 Ruth Newstat-Dreisbach  
 10 Chris Arrigale  
 10 Gabriele Kassner  
 12 Kailin Chalmers Koch  
 13 Douglas Okun  
 14 Claire Rappoport  
 15 Melissa Grossman-Naples  
 15 Arnie Jackson  
 16 Inbal Kashtan  
 16 Edward Tanovitz  
 17 Elaya Adelberg  
 17 David Schnur  
 17 Antoinette Rose  
 18 Yona Barth-Rodgers  
 18 David Stein  
 18 Jane Boskoff Graeven  
 19 Katharine Woodruff  
 20 Richard Wilson  
 20 Lillian Schaechner  
 21 Gabriel Vega  
 21 Lolma Olson  
 21 Gerald B. Rosenstein  
 22 Janis Medina  
 22 Leora Eisenberg  
 22 Marilyn Brown  
 23 Barbara Cymrot  
 23 Nancy Feinstein  
 26 Harper Rose  
 26 Robert Katz  
 27 Nancy Epstein  
 28 Sherie Koshover  
 29 Trudi Hauptman  
 29 David Sigal  
 30 Eloise Magenheim  
 30 Shelley Eisenman

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*Joe Hample as Lot's wife, Purim party.  
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## A Friday Night Story

by Geoff Benjamin

One fine Friday night in April I found myself at the end of services, as I often do, making an announcement. As the head of the congregation's younger members' chavurah, Le'Atid, I invited all those who were interested to join me for 'Coffee in the Castro' after the Oneg.

This particular night was no cooler nor warmer than another, no fuller nor thinner than another. Just another reliably spiritual and resonant evening on Danvers St. A group of us gathered: women, men, some in their 20s, some in their 30s, some who are chronologically older, but approach life younger. A few of us were regulars, a few not so frequent Friday night goers, and even a few first timers.

As we began our descent into the teeming Eureka Valley someone suggested checking out Kite Hill above the synagogue. And so descent became ascent and through the calm night we trudged up a dirt path to the top of a hill. Lodged between the spires of Twin Peaks and the glow of the Bay Bridge we breathed deep. Another person suggested a way down. And across one block, around another corner we came upon a slide. One woman in heels, one man in leather, another in slacks slid down a slide on the Sabbath, the cool night washing past their cheeks and into their hair. Hold on to your kippah!

Le'Atid, towards the future, heads for 'Coffee in the Castro' every Friday night, and plans events for the younger members of the congregation. Our next event is a Havdallah Potluck on Saturday, May 17 at the home of Geoff Benjamin. Call Renée in the office for details.

## HIV+ Support Group

CSZ has ongoing support services for members living with HIV/AIDS and their families and partners on the third Saturday of every month, in addition to quarterly Shabbat dinners at the homes of members. Mark your calendars:

- **Friday, May 30 at 6 pm:** Shabbat dinner at the home of a member.
- **Saturday, May 31 at 2 pm:** Support Group at CSZ, facilitated by Rob Tat.

If you have any questions, want to sign up for the dinner or would like to put your name on our confidential mailing list, please call Amy Clark at the office. Join us.

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**Dan Halpern**, in memory of Esther Halpern

**Robert Tat**, in honor of Steve Weiner's joining CSZ

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**Miriam Trentman and Batya Kalis**, in honor of Hillary Zaid receiving her Ph.D.

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

**Susan Tubbesing**, on behalf of the family of Ann Kohout

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**Liz Goodman and Ellen Lewin**, in honor of Lane Schickler's acceptance to Hebrew Union College

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### Special Thanks

More than a year ago, Bill Denebeim and **Mark Vogel** donated seed money for a Technology Fund which was set up as a subsidiary fund of the Building Fund. The monies in this fund are used to upgrade the computers and software at CSZ. Mark and Bill continue to support this fund as have **Steve Polsky** and **Mark Oliver**. Additional contributions to this fund are always appreciated.



Purim party. Photo by Michael Bettinger.

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*Members wishing to contact any Va'ad member or committee chair are invited to obtain his or her number from the synagogue office.*

**Office Hours:** Monday–Friday from 9 am to 3 pm (861-6932).

**Bikkur Cholim:** If you or a friend who is a member of Sha'ar Zahav is ill in the hospital or at home, and would like to have a member of the Bikkur Cholim Committee call or visit, please notify the synagogue office.

**Member** of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations.

**Services** are held every Friday evening beginning at 8:15 pm (except as noted), with an Oneg Shabbat following services.

*Finance*, Leah Wolf  
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*Gift Shop*, Jeff Rubin  
*Infant-Toddler Chavurah*, open  
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*Women's Chavurah*, open

Services are generally held on the second Saturday of each month at 10 am — check calendar for each month.

**Gift Shop Hours:** Fridays, 7:30–8:05 pm.

**Library Hours:** Open during office hours.

**Congregation Sha'ar Zahav** (Congregation of the Golden Gate) is located in the Upper Market District of San Francisco at 220 Danvers at Caselli, which is one block south of the intersection of 18th and Market streets. By public transport, take MUNI bus 33 Stanyan to 18th and Danvers and walk one block south on Danvers to Caselli.

## Are You a Jewish American?

As members and friends of Sha'ar Zahav, you are undoubtedly concerned about the eroding rights of Reform and Conservative Jews in Israel. Increasingly restrictive laws are making the dream of a Jewish State as a pluralistic democracy seem further and further away. As time passes, it will be more difficult for Reform Jews to open new congregations, have appropriate life cycle ceremonies, and receive the same kind of Israeli government support as Orthodox communities.

This fall, for the first time in 10 years, American Jews will be electing representatives to the World Zionist Congress. The Congress, founded in 1897 by Theodor Herzl, is the only democratically elected parliament of the Jewish people. The United States Jewish community has a great deal of Zionist influence since it has 152 of the 525 delegates to the Congress. If the Reform movement does well in these elections, we will have an effect on the allocation of communal resources and on world Jewish policy. More importantly, we will be able to influence the crucial debate about where Judaism is headed in the 21st century.

What is needed now is for every adult Jew reading this article to *register to vote* for the fall election. Any Jewish American citizen or permanent resident 18 years of age as of June 30, may register; you need not be a member of an American Zionist organization. However, registrations must be postmarked no later than June 1 to participate in the election. Each CSZ member will soon be mailed a voter registration form with detailed instructions for completion. Any non-CSZ member wishing to receive a registration form should contact the office.

The U.S. Elections Committee will mail ballots in early September to all registrants. Before then, you will be informed about who is on the Reform slate. Electing a strong Reform slate to the Congress will send a clear message to the Israeli political and religious establishments. It is hoped and expected that the Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA) will emerge from the registration process as the most powerful American Zionist voice. Your voice and vote are essential to make this a reality. If you have any questions, call CSZ ARZA representative Ron Lezell (626-5748).

**1** Thursday  
24 Nisan

- 7 pm, Newsletter distribution

**2** Friday  
25 Nisan

- 5:45 pm, Shabbat dinner, Nitzanim and Chalutzim
- 7 pm, Early Kabbalat Shabbat
- 8:15 pm, Shabbat service, Acharei Mot, led by Brian Besser and Danny Gevitz, aufruf for Karen Erlichman and Jana Rickerson.

**3** Saturday  
26 Nisan

- 9:30 am, Kadimah: Chaverim, Rishonim, and B'nai Mitzvah
- 10 am, Kadimah: Chalutzim
- 3 pm, Adult B'nai Mitzvah

**4** Sunday  
27 Nisan

**Yom HaShoah**

- 10 am, Kadimah: Nitzanim
- 1 pm, A&D community-wide design input at 290 Dolores
- 2 pm, Rabbi Search Committee
- 4:30 pm, Klezmer band rehearsal

**5** Monday  
28 Nisan

- 6 pm, Healing service
- 6:30 pm, CEB

**6** Tuesday  
29 Nisan

- 6:30 pm, Dues Committee

**7** Wednesday  
30 Nisan

- 7 pm, Advanced Hebrew
- 7 pm, A&D

**8** Thursday  
1 Iyar

- 7 pm, Rosh Chodesh group

**9** Friday  
2 Iyar

- 7:15 pm, Niggun service
- 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Kedoshim
- Bikur Cholim lecture series after service: "Bridging the Gap: Diversity" led by Diana Buchbinder

**10** Saturday  
3 Iyar

- 9:30 am, Kadimah: Chaverim, Rishonim and B'nai Mitzvah
- 10 am, Shabbat service led by Ezra and Talia Barth-Rogers
- 12 noon, Torah study potluck, study at 1 pm
- 7:30 pm, Havdallah, speaker, Israeli dancing: Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch, executive director of ARZA

**11** Sunday  
4 Iyar

**12** Monday  
5 Iyar

**Yom Ha'atzmaut**

- 6:30 pm, Va'ad meeting

**13** Tuesday  
6 Iyar

**14** Wednesday  
7 Iyar

- 7 pm, Advanced Hebrew
- 7 pm, Newsletter editing

**15** Thursday  
8 Iyar

- 7 pm, Bikur Cholim
- 7 pm, Klezmer band
- 7 pm, Membership committee

**Note: Gray areas indicate religious services.**

**16** Friday  
9 Iyar

- 8:15 pm, East Bay service, 4042 Maple Ave., Oakland
- 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Emor, welcome to new members

**17** Saturday  
10 Iyar

- 9:30 am, Kadimah: Chaverim, Rishonim, and B'nai Mitzvah
- 7 pm, Le'Atid potluck, Geoff Benjamin's house (planning meeting at 6:30 pm)

**18** Sunday  
11 Iyar

- 2 pm, Informational meeting about new building, 290 Dolores
- 5 pm, New member potluck, Community Room, 345 Church St.
- 5 pm, Oral history video training and interview training

**19** Monday  
12 Iyar

- 6 pm, Healing service
- 7 pm, Newsletter layout

**20** Tuesday  
13 Iyar

**21** Wednesday  
14 Iyar

- 7 pm, A&D
- 7 pm, Advanced Hebrew

**22** Thursday  
15 Iyar

**23** Friday  
16 Iyar

- 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Behar, led by Emma Buchbinder
- Jewish AIDS Memorial Day, "Lev B'Omer" begins tonight

**24** Saturday  
17 Iyar

- No Kadimah
- "Lev B'Omer" Jewish AIDS Memorial Day

**25** Sunday  
18 Iyar

**Lag B'Omer**

- 12 Noon, Picnic with Israel Center: "Sunday in the Park with Herzl," Sharon Meadows in Golden Gate Park

**26** Monday  
19 Iyar

**Memorial Day**

- Office closed

**27** Tuesday  
20 Iyar

- 7 pm, Intro to Yiddish Language and Culture

**28** Wednesday  
21 Iyar

- 7 pm, Advanced Hebrew

**29** Thursday  
22 Iyar

- 6:30 pm, Ritual Committee
- 7 pm, Newsletter distribution
- 7:30 pm, Service Leaders Initiative

**30** Friday  
23 Iyar

- 6 pm, HIV+ dinner at home of member
- 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Bechukotai, led by Ezra and Talia Barth-Rogers

**31** Saturday  
24 Iyar

- 9:30 am, Kadimah: Chaverim, Rishonim, and B'nai Mitzvah
- 2 pm, HIV+ Support Group
- 7:30 pm, Tot Havdallah led by Patricia Lin

## JUNE FORWARD DEADLINES

**FOR ADVERTISING  
MONDAY, MAY 5**

To place a display ad, call Roslyn Fuerman (510/526-1209 or froslyn@aol.com). To place a classified ad, call the office.

**FOR ARTICLES  
MONDAY, MAY 14**

Please submit articles both on 3½-inch disk and hard copy on paper double spaced. Write "Attn. Gaily Forward" on top and mail to CSZ. No deadline extensions without advance permission.

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